BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME OF FEE PROJECT: AZ20 HASSAYAMPA FIELD OFFICE

SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS STATE: AZ

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AREA DESCRIPTION:

The Hassayampa Field Office (HFO) and Agua Fria National Monument (AFNM) issue a wide variety of recreation permits for commercial guides or outfitters, competitive and/or fundraising events, organized club or group outings and vending operations. Permits include guided Hummer, jeep, All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and/or Utility Vehicle (UTV) tours; competitive OHV speed races for trucks, buggies, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles, and kid's races; American Motorcycle Association (AMA) sanctioned or organized club competitive motorcycle enduros; club rock crawling or ATV events; club jeep events; off-highway vehicle (OHV) manufacturer demo events; OHV training workshops; dude ranch activities including OHV tours, horse rides and cattle drives; guided hunting; nationally sanctioned and/or club competitive equestrian endurance rides or trails skills events; equestrian club rides; recreational mining club outings; gold panning tours; club or school orienteering events; organized handcart reenactments; boy scout jamborees; and photography, food and other vending operations.

FEE SCHEDULE:

The SRP fee schedule for commercial activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from recreational commercial, competitive, and organized group event SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G., as established by 43 CFR 2930. As of March 2011, the SRP fee schedule is the following:

- Commercial permits are the maximum of \$100 or 3% of the gross revenue.
- Competitive permits are the maximum of \$100, 3% of gross revenue or \$5 per participant/day.
- Organized-group use is \$5 per person per day or \$100, whichever is greater.

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:

Visitor Services, Interpretation: Recreation fees provided funding for a park ranger to patrol the Table Mesa Recreation Area and explain recent changes to the public. As a result of the constant patrol, activity complaints in this high-use area have been reduced significantly. Fee revenues also provided support for a site host at the Boulders OHV Recreation Area. The site host provides a continuous

presence at the site and performs tasks, such as changing out interpretive displays and messages on the kiosk, providing visitor information, and cleaning the restroom.

Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement: Recreation fee revenues paid to pump restrooms at Vulture Peak, Boulders OHV Recreation Area, and the Agua Fria National Monument

PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY12:

- Purchase and install a cattle guard at the Big Bug Trailhead (Black Canyon National Recreation Trail)
- Provide support for site host at Boulders OHV Recreation Area
- Provide matching funds for a park ranger at the Table Mesa Recreation Area
- Pump restrooms